

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1297 - HB 1766

April 4, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) Requires funding for English language learner (ELL) instructors to be included in the Basic Education Program (BEP) as a classroom component funded at 75% instead of an instructional positions component funded at 65%; requires funding for one full-time ELL instructor for each 20 ELL students and one translator for each 200 ELL students in fiscal year 2007-2008 and thereafter. (2) Requires an additional 12.3% of at-risk students to be funded by the BEP in each of the five fiscal years beginning with FY2007-08 to reach full funding in FY2011-12.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$63,930,000 FY07-08
\$87,790,000 FY08-09

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - \$16,184,000 FY07-08
\$23,120,000 FY08-09

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$63,930,000 FY07-08
\$87,790,000 FY08-09

Assumptions:

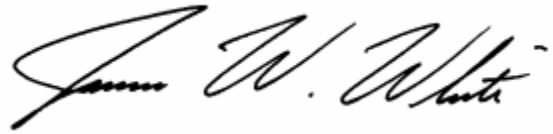
- Under the proposal, the increase in state expenditures would total \$119,300,000 for At Risk over the five fiscal years plus \$40,073,000 each year for ELL.
- The increase in local government expenditures is estimated to total \$39,702,000 for At Risk over the five fiscal years plus \$8,242,000 each year for ELL.
- This estimate assumes that ELL is moved from an instructional component to a classroom component and the ratio (65% to 75%) adjusted in the first year, plus the 12.3% increase in At Risk student programs. The next four years reflect the incremental increase in At Risk student programs of 12.3%.
- Assumes any increase in state share/expenditures as a result of the bill would translate into an increase in local revenues.
- For FY07-08, English language learner students (ELL) shall generate instructional positions at a 1:20 teacher-pupil ratio, and translators at a 1:200 translator-student ratio. The existing ratio is one teacher for every 45 students and one translator for every 450 students.
- The Governor's Recommended Budget for FY2007-08 includes \$119,300,000 to fully fund the BEP component for At Risk student programs in one year (FY2007-08).

- The first year cost of this proposal for At Risk (\$23,857,000) would be included in the \$119,300,000 recommended to fully fund At Risk.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director